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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Enfield Makes A Case For Amazon HQ

Long Shot Bid Envisions The Tech Giant's New Nerve Center At The Site Of Town's Dying Mall

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ENFIELD — Jean and Harry Violette take three laps around Enfield Square Mall each morning, to exercise and to mourn.

"It was pretty good in its heyday," said Jean, 75. "But all the main stores have left, and that's why this mall is dead."

The forlorn mall is at the center of Enfield's long shot bid for Amazon's second North American headquarters. Once the

town's thrumming commercial heart, it is now an emblem of brick-and-mortar retail's decline — and where Mike Ciriello, Enfield's director of development services and author of its Amazon pitch, envisions the tech giant's citadel replacing the husks of now-departed department stores.

A couple of weeks ago, when 238 municipalities across the United States, Mexico and Canada submitted bids for Amazon's headquarters, few were unlikely as Enfield's. But Ciriello pointed to several factors that he says

could entice the Seattle-based behemoth to make its second home in the Connecticut River Valley.

There's the Knowledge Corridor, 90 miles bookended by Yale and Amherst, with three-dozen colleges and thousands of elite students in between. There's Bradley International Airport, 10 miles from the site Ciriello proposed, an interstate 1,000 feet away and a railway extension that will connect Enfield with Hartford, New Haven and Springfield. And there's the fact that

Enfield is roughly equidistant from Boston and New York.

"Geographically, we felt there was no reason for us not to try, given we could check off all the boxes," Ciriello said. "People at first are like, 'Really?' But when you tell them what the requirements are, they're like, 'Oh, OK. Why not?'"

The addition of an Amazon headquarters to any municipality — whether as small as Enfield or as large as New York — would be

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RUSSIA INVESTIGATION

Charges Likely In Mueller Probe

Top Democrat Hints At Targets

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WASHINGTON — One of two former top strategists for the Trump campaign is "likely" to face indictment as early as Monday, a senior Democrat said Sunday, previewing what would be the first criminal charges in the intensifying probe led by special counsel Robert S. Mueller III into current and former members of President Donald Trump's inner orbit.

Rep. Adam B. Schiff, D-Calif., ranking member of the House Intelligence Committee, said a federal judge could unseal an indictment against either Paul Manafort, Trump's former campaign manager, or Michael Flynn, who briefly served as Trump's national security adviser in the White House.

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RAIN, HIGH WINDS

95,000 Lose Power In Storm

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More than 95,000 Connecticut residents were without power early Monday morning as high winds and flooding swept across the state.

As of about 12:30 a.m. Monday, about 95,107 Eversource customers across the state experienced outages with the utility company. Some of the largest percentage of outages were in Stonington, Guilford, Old Saybrook, Newtown and Greenwich.

In areas serviced by The United Illuminating Company, the highest number of outages were reported in Trumbull, Fairfield and New Haven. About 3,320 outages were reported among United Illuminating's 333,000 customers.

Eversource spokesman Frank Poirot said late Sunday that crews had

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CHRIS DEGASERO, co-owner and head brewer of Alvarium Beer Co., left, and Rob Metz, co-owner of Avery's Beverages, teamed up to revive New Britain's Cremo beer. Cremo Brewing Co. closed its doors in 1955.

'CONNECTICUT'S BEST'

NEW MEETS OLD



Avery's Beverages, Alvarium Beer Co. Revive Cremo Beer

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More than 60 years after Cremo Brewing Co. emptied its taps and closed its doors, the New Britain company's signature ale is flowing again.

It's the latest revival of Cremo Beer, first brewed on Belden Street in 1905, watered down during Prohibition in the 1920s, and reborn with the law's repeal in 1933.

The comeback of "Connecticut's Best" is the product of Avery's Beverages, founded in 1904, and Alvarium Beer Co.,

which opened in July just down the street from the old site of Cremo Brewing Co., that closed in 1955.

The new Cremo Beer isn't quite the same as the recipe that filled barrels, bottles and cans for more than 40 years, but it should come close, says Alvarium co-owner and head brewer Chris DeGasero.

After research turned up multiple recipes for the old Connecticut staple, DeGasero decided to use modern brewing techniques to honor the simple style of 1930s and '40s-era sparkling ales.

Alvarium's interpretation is a low-alcohol, American adjunct ale with caramel malt for sweetness and flaked maize to lighten the body, DeGasero said.

"It almost drinks like a Yuengling or a light beer like that, but a little bit lighter," he said. "More so than anything else, the older beers typically tend to be simpler and that sounds almost like it's a bad

CREMO, A4

Gunman's Brain To Be Examined

Scientists at Stanford University are preparing to do a monthslong microscopic study of the Las Vegas gunman's brain, though a visual inspection during an autopsy found no abnormalities.

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Chance For Growth

Coach Kevin Ollie is hoping sophomore Christian Vital can be more of a facilitator and playmaker this season. The Huskies take on Merrimack Monday night. **Sports, Page C1**

Twin Takeover

Twins Morgan and Taylor Wabick have the UConn women's hockey team seeing double.

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Blue Monday

From trick-or-treating to ski swaps and music performances, there are plenty of fun activities to get you through the work week.

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